

House Resolution 1689

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Gilmer High School wrestling team on winning the Class AAA State
2 Championship title; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, the Gilmer High School wrestling
4 team earned the top ranking in the state by scoring an incredible 197 points, earning the
5 school its sixth wrestling state championship since 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, two Gilmer Bobcats, Andrew Smith and Hunter Barnes, captured individual
7 state championships at the tournament held at the Gwinnett Arena; and

8 WHEREAS, Andrew Smith barreled through his 189 pound bracket, leading 6-0 in the finals
9 after the first period and finishing the second period strong with a 13-8 victory; and

10 WHEREAS, with a well earned reputation for scoring quick pins and ending matches, Hunter
11 Barnes pinned his opponents faster than any wrestler across all classifications at the state
12 duals, with a 42 second victory during the quarterfinals and an amazing 22 second victory
13 in the finals; and

14 WHEREAS, other Bobcats brought home medals for Gilmer High School, including Justin
15 Karr who placed second, Cody Bollinger and James Longino who finished third, and Zac
16 Horton and Danyuhl Becker who placed fourth; and

17 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
18 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
19 member of the team and the astute direction of Head Coach Sam Snider; and

20 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
21 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
22 abundantly proper to call them champions.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body congratulate the Gilmer High School wrestling team for winning
25 the 2010 Class AAA State Championship and extend their sincerest best wishes for future
26 success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the players and coaches of
29 the 2010 Gilmer High School wrestling team.